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~~American Symphony Orchestra League~~

July 25, 1994

United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

The American Symphony Orchestra League urges you to support the amendment proposed by Sen. James Jeffords to restore the Administration's FY 1995 request for \$170.229 million for the National Endowment for the Arts.

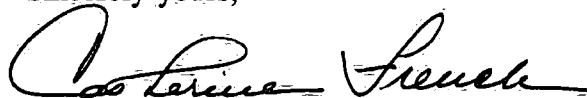
We ask you to express your support for the Jeffords amendment to your colleagues, and to vote against any amendments offered by Sen. Jesse Helms or others if those amendments would restructure the mission of the NEA, or reduce or divert funding for NEA programs. Specifically, the American Symphony Orchestra League opposes:

- Any expansion of existing set-asides or newly-mandated diversions of NEA funding to state or other government agencies;
- Further content restrictions on grants;
- Prohibition of grants to individual artists;
- Any reductions in funding below the amount requested by the Administration, which is the same as the funding for the current fiscal year;
- Any targeting of specific programs for cuts which we view to be punitive in nature.

The League respectfully requests your vocal support for Chairman Alexander and the good work of the NEA in thousands of communities across the nation.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Catherine French
President and Chief Executive Officer